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CITY OF GAITHERSBURG

Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

May 9, 2011

Minutes

Attendees: Britta Monaco, Crystal Carr, J Persensky, Tim Smith "Smitty", and Rev. Tim Warner

I. TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

A. Review Gaithersburg High School Proposal for Youth Funding Allocations:

Members discussed the proposal presented by Dr. Handy Collins, Principal of Gaithersburg High School (GHS), at the City's Budget Work Session on Tuesday, May 3. The recommendation was to not fund Guide Youth Services-Bilingual Mental Health Counselor services at GHS and to divide the \$37,000 recommended under the FY12 Nonprofit Mental Health contract equally between Identity, Inc. for its counseling services and the G-SHARP suspension program. The additional \$18,500 would allow for Identity to expand their counseling program; however, the overall effect would be a reduction in the amount of funding available for youth mental health services to City residents. The additional funding for G-SHARP would help the program compensate for the anticipated \$37,500 reduction in County funds. G-SHARP is currently recommended under the FY12 Youth Nonprofit Grants to receive \$11,670 and with additional \$18,500, G-SHARP's total funding in FY12 would be \$30,170, which is approximately half of the operating budget that they projected for FY12.

The CAC agreed to perform a thorough evaluation of the current contracts. The next step would be for the CAC to meet with Identity, Guide, G-SHARP, and Gaithersburg High School to fully evaluate the proposal. In these discussions, the CAC will be assessing the community needs, potential impact of the proposed changes, and overall sustainability of programs and services. Members proposed hosting these meetings on either the afternoon of the 17th or 18th. After these meetings, the CAC will prepare a response to the GHS proposal to be presented at the Mayor and City Council Work Session on June 13.

B. Review Draft NP Contingency Fund for Innovative, Emerging, Emergency Program and Services Criteria:

Members suggested modifications to the draft criteria in preparation for the June 13 work session.

C. Recruitment of New Members:

Members were encouraged to continue new membership recruitment efforts. Crystal attained a solid lead from the Gaithersburg Holiday Inn and Britta will be pursuing NIST.

II. NEXT MEETING:

CAC Committee Work Session Presentation to the Mayor and City Council on Monday, June 13, 2011

Respectfully Submitted by:

Crystal Carr